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SCEMD Continues to Assess Damage from Weekend Severe Weather

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Wednesday, March 19, 1:00 PM) – The South Carolina Emergency Management Division continues to coordinate assistance in the recovery effort in the South Carolina communities affected by Saturday’s tornado activity and severe weather.

As of midday Wednesday, **85** homes have been reported totally destroyed statewide, **88** homes suffered major damage and **378** homes suffered minor damage. In addition, SCEMD has determined **8** businesses within the state have been totally destroyed, **18** businesses have suffered major damage and **33** have suffered minor damage.

Twenty-four counties in South Carolina reported at least some type of severe weather Saturday, including multiple touchdowns from 17 tornados confirmed by the National Weather Service.

The work continues in the areas affected. Since the severe weather Saturday, the State of South Carolina has seen a tremendous amount of support from volunteer organizations, local responders, and state agencies in helping the people recover from the damage caused by this string of storms.

SCEMD is currently working with all responders to supply food, water, tarps, electricians, heavy equipment and other clean-up crews to the most heavily affected areas.

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